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News Release

READINGS BY AUTHOR TIM O'BRIEN
SLATED AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio, March 1, 1990--Tim O'Brien, author of Going After Cacciato, will read from his new collection of short stories about a platoon of foot soldiers in Vietnam on Saturday, March 17 at the University of Dayton. The presentation will be held in Kennedy Union Room 222 at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.

The event, which is sponsored by UD's English department, is free and open to the public.

The collection, titled The Things They Carried, is a sequence of award-winning stories about the soldiers, with recurring characters and interwoven strands of plot and theme that tie each chapter to the next. Five chapters of the book have appeared in publications such as Esquire, Gentlemen's Quarterly, Granta and Playboy. The book will be a featured alternative selection of the Literary Guild and a selection of the Franklin First Editions Society.

O'Brien, 43, is a graduate of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. He served as a foot soldier in Vietnam, pursued graduate studies in government at Harvard University and later worked as a national affairs reporter for The Washington Post.

As part of UD's scholars program, O'Brien visited campus in September and spoke to English students who had read his novel, Going After Cacciato, winner of the 1979 National Book award in fiction.

For more information, call UD's English department at (513) 229-3434.